

United States Senator

**BOB BENNETT**

Joint Economic Committee

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## **Medicare Hearing Announced**

Washington, D.C. – Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), has announced a hearing on “Medicare’s Financial Crisis” scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2003. The hearing will include a discussion of the recently released 2003 Medicare Trustees Report, the long-term financial viability of the program, proposals to add a prescription drug benefit and other reforms. It will include the first joint appearance by the new director of the Congressional Budget Office and the head of the General Accounting Office.

**WHAT:** JEC hearing on “Medicare’s Financial Crisis”

**WHO:** 1<sup>st</sup> Panel

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., Director  
Congressional Budget Office

David M. Walker, C.P.A., Comptroller General  
General Accounting Office

2<sup>nd</sup> Panel

Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D., Senior Fellow  
Center for Health Affairs, Project Hope

Marilyn Moon, Ph.D., Senior Fellow  
The Urban Institute

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003

**WHERE:** Room 628, Dirksen Senate Office Building

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